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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Rhonda S. Ferguson, Esq.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer  
Union Pacific Railroad  
1400 Douglas Street  
Omaha, Nebraska 68179

Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Sections 104(e) of CERCLA for the Illinois Gulch Site, southeast of Breckenridge, in Summit County, Colorado, SSID #A8-88

Dear Ms. Ferguson:

This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to the Illinois Gulch Site located southeast of Breckenridge, in Summit County, Colorado (Site). A map depicting the Site and its associated mines and workings is included as Enclosure 1. The Environmental Protection Agency is investigating the identification, nature and quantity of materials that have been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, or transported to, the Site and the nature or extent of the release of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants at the Site, and information relating to the ability of persons to pay for or to perform a cleanup at the Site.

Pursuant to the authority of section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. section 9604, as amended, you are hereby requested to respond to the Information Request set forth in Enclosure 2, attached hereto. Specifically, the EPA has information that Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) is suspected to have held a controlling interest in the Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad Company during 1881. Additionally, it is suspected the Denver, South Park and Pacific Railroad Company operated a railroad that ran across the Site during this time frame.

Please respond to the Information Request within 60 days of receipt of this letter. Failure to respond fully and truthfully, or to adequately justify your failure to respond, can result in an enforcement action by the EPA, pursuant to section 104(e) of CERCLA, and the imposition of penalties of up to \$55,907 per day of non-compliance. Please be further advised that provision of false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. section 1001.

The Information Request is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. section 3501, *et seq.*

CONCURRENCES	Author + ext.	Print 1 <sup>st</sup> Initial + last name	S. ZAYNARD	WRD	DNF	CA	AN			
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	6332	Date	2/6/18	2/6/18	2/8/18	2/15/18	2/16/18			

Your response to this request must be accompanied by a notarized certificate that is signed and dated by the person who is authorized by you to respond to this request. The notarized certificate must state that the response submitted to the EPA is complete and contains all documents and information responsive to this request that are known to you following a complete and thorough review of all information and sources available to you. A suggested format for the notarized certificate is included with this request as Enclosure 3.

The response to the Information Request should be mailed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 8  
Attn: Mike Rudy (8ENF-RC)  
1595 Wynkoop Street  
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The EPA strongly encourages you to give this matter your immediate attention and respond to the Information Request within the time specified above. If you have any questions relating to this Information Request, please contact Douglas Naftz, EPA Enforcement Attorney, at (303) 312-6942 or Mike Rudy, EPA Enforcement Specialist, at (303) 312-6332. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Suzanne J. Bohan  
Assistant Regional Administrator  
Office of Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

Enclosures

cc: Douglas Naftz, 8ENF-L  
Jean Wyatt, 8EPR-AR  
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*See notes re: Enclosure #2 on BNSF routing package.  
Thank you*

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